

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A deep soaking tub and shower combination apparatus with a side entry door comprising:

a unitary body having a front sidewall with a predetermined height, a left sidewall coextensive in height with the front sidewall, a rear sidewall having a height commensurate with said left sidewall height and a depth commensurate with an elevated seat, a floor between said seat and the front sidewall, and a right sidewall forming a door frame extending from adjacent the front sidewall to adjacent the seat;

a shower head connected to a flexible cord extending from the upper extension of said left wall and a water valve proximate the elevated seat;

a removable water-tight door fitting said door frame;

a drain hole and stopper in said floor, and proximate the rear sidewall and seat; and

an overflow/drain stopper element positioned adjacent an uppermost height on the left sidewall and above the drain hole.

2. The combination apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the seat has armrests on both sides thereof.

3. The combination apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the removable door has a U-shaped configuration, a front side, a rear side, and round bottom corners, a topmost horizontal ledge, and a watertight sealing strip adjacent its peripheral edge on three sides on the front side of the door.

4. The combination apparatus according to claim 3, including a plurality of hinges on one vertical edge.

5. The combination apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the hinges are lift-off hinges to allow emergency access when the tub is drained.

6. The combination apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the hinges permit the door to swing only inward.

7. The combination apparatus according to claim 1, including a door locking mechanism.

8. The combination apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the door locking mechanism comprises a rotatable vertical lock rod.

9. The combination apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the vertical lock rod has a plurality of horizontal and equidistantly spaced locking dogs.

10. The combination apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the vertical lock rod is confined by horizontal braces positioned on the front side of the door adjacent the locking dogs.

11. The combination apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the locking dogs abut a vertical metal strip on an openable side of a doorjamb.

12. The combination apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the vertical lock rod has a pivotable handle at its upper end.

13. The combination apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the pivotal handle has a short leg extending downward as a locking peg to fit within a hole in the topmost door ledge to secure the door in a closed position.

14. A locking device on a door having a horizontal top panel comprising:

a door having a horizontal top ledge panel, a vertical right edge, a vertical left edge, and a rounded bottom edge;

a vertical lock rod positioned adjacent the vertical right edge and extending through the top ledge of the door; and

a plurality of locking dogs spaced equidistantly on said lock rod;

whereby rotation of said vertical lock rod secures the door in a door jamb.

15. The locking device according to claim 14, wherein the locking dogs comprise a body having planar top and bottom sides, a circular aperture, a separation forming two legs of unequal size and shape, and a hex screw penetrating said two legs for adjusting the circular aperture to secure the body on a rod.

16. The locking device according to claim 14, including a handle rod secured on the vertical rod above the horizontal top ledge panel.

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